

Weaver's declaration was due to the receipt of a letter from Mr. Baker, declining to allow

CHAMBERLAIN, S. D., March 1.—(Special.)—The trial of Frank Kottwitz, a German farmer, for the murder of his wife and

Kottwitz was born in Germany 32 years ago and settled in Dakota in 1879, coming from St. Paul, Minn. His wife, whose maiden name was Kise, removed with her parents from Wabasha, Minn., to Grant county, Dakota, in the fall of 1889. At that time she was about 16 years of age. She and Kottwitz became acquainted shortly after her arrival in the territory and the acquaintance soon ripened into love. The story of their courtship and climactic marriage is a familiar one. Kottwitz and his wife have a family of six.

Schwengel succeeded in prevailing upon the girl to marry him. The nature of the infatuation was not understood. It was understood that Schwengel received \$50 for his assistance in bringing about the wedding. Kowitz, notwithstanding his having been fitted in this matter, was not invited to the wedding. Those present noticed that the bride gave every indication of being more devoted to him than to her husband, and the fact was immediately upon her mind at the wedding. When the wedding party was over the girl's parents compelled her to occupy one room, while her husband occupied another, both being locked in their apartments. This was the last seen of the girl. Three months later Raisener was found dead on the prairie near his home. A revolver was lying by his side and the rumor gained credit that he had committed suicide. From recent information it would appear that Kowitz, at least—and probably one other person—knows that he did not commit suicide. The girl's death was not due to his death. The young widow married Kowitz. Neighbors say Kowitz took possession of Raisener's farm and other property of the girl, and that the Raisener family stories, the truth of which may be supported by the testimony produced at the impending trial, are of his probable connection with the death of two of his children, who died under mysterious circumstances.

The couple were blessed with eight children. The oldest of the six now living is about twenty years of age. The husband is of an English descent, and the wife is of German.

When under the influence of liquor, as was frequently the case, was very abusive to his subordinates. He usually whenever matters did not go to suit him.

On the 14th of last October a threatening storm was blowing, and the men were suffering a breakdown, the men were idle for the time being. Kottwitz went to a nearby town to have the broken portion of the machine repaired. He was away from the camp drunk. Taking offense at something connected with the midday meal, he violently attacked the cook and threw him down, laid him down on the ground. He followed her, and kicked the prostrate woman several times, and then he went to the kitchen and sank and sank down on a bed. August Kottwitz, a cousin of the husband, was in the house and saw the scene. He went to the kitchen, expiring before he reached her. In reply to the questioning of officers, who arrived some hours later, he said that he did not know the cause of his wife's death, as she had always been a healthy woman. The officials could elicit nothing of importance, and left the camp. The next day the husband of the murdered woman's sister informed the authorities of the true circumstances.

The brutal affair created intense excitement, and the sentiment was freely expressed that Judge Lynch should mete out punishment to

the perpetrator, but the counsel of cooler heads prevailed, and the law will be permitted to take its course.

Governor Greenhalke's Condition.
NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 1.—Governor Greenhalke, who is very low with Bright's disease, is resting more comfortably to-night, though very weak. His physicians state that the case is very critical, though they do not look for a fatal termination right away.

Actress Commits Suicide.
ST. LOUIS, March 1.—A special to the Republic from Gibraltar, Mo., says that Rena Raymond committed suicide this afternoon by swallowing morphine. She was a member of the Euphrosie Goodrich dramatic company, and said she was tired of living.

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